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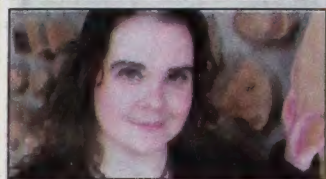
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Runway issue remains turbulent

by JENN WATT
Times staff

Even before Algonquin Highlands had the chance to ask county council for financial support for a crosswinds runway at Stanhope Airport, the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association made a delegation to oppose it.

At its meeting on Wednesday, county council heard Doug Palmer outline the concerns of some residents, saying the "large upfront costs and potentially enormous impact on local taxpayers ... should be researched and debated thoroughly by all interested parties."

The proposed runway has been an ongoing controversial issue in Algonquin Highlands, estimated to cost \$2.3 million. In the past it was suggested that county council pay for some of the expansion but Algonquin Highlands has never actually asked county for the money.

Palmer identified five issues that county should take into account before lending any support to the runway: limited utility, impact on taxpayers, safety, limited financial returns and public opposition.

"Given that the county now supports the Stanhope Airport with an annual \$10,000 subsidy and both senior levels of government have indicated that they will not

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Bowling in style

Rawn Lougheed (left) and Don Geall (right) don their favourite pyjamas during Saturday's "Bowl for Kids' Sake" fundraiser at Minden Lanes. This year's event raised nearly \$6,000 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton. For more info and photos see page 14.

PAD program could save lives

by JENN WATT
Times staff

Less than one year after EMS director Pat Kennedy approached Haliburton's county council with a proposal to install public access defibrillators in community buildings there are 23 fully operational units everywhere from Cardiff to Dorset.

Funded by the Heart and Stroke Foundation through money it received from the provincial ministry of health promotion and the Frank Cowan Foundation, 21 of the 23 PADs were purchased by EMS and more than 200 people have been trained in their operation.

"We were thinking about three or four units at the start and then we were able to get the blessing of county council...they gave me some seed money to work with and a year later we have 23 sites. That just boggles my mind," said Kennedy at the celebration of the completion of phase one of Haliburton's PAD program at the Stanhope Fire Hall on Thursday.

The two other machines will also be maintained by EMS, but funding came from other sources. One was already located at the Minden arena and the Lioness Club purchased the other for the Minden courthouse.

PADs, also known as automated external defibrillators, are

machines that analyze heart rhythms and deliver shocks to the heart in the case of sudden cardiac arrest. They also have easy-to-follow audio instructions for the person who responds to the situation.

"We need to thank Pat [Kennedy] immensely for all the effort he has put into this and all the great work, the ground work," county warden Eleanor Harrison said at the celebration.

"I think it's badly needed in rural Ontario when we're far away from hospitals that can help us when someone has a heart attack," she said.

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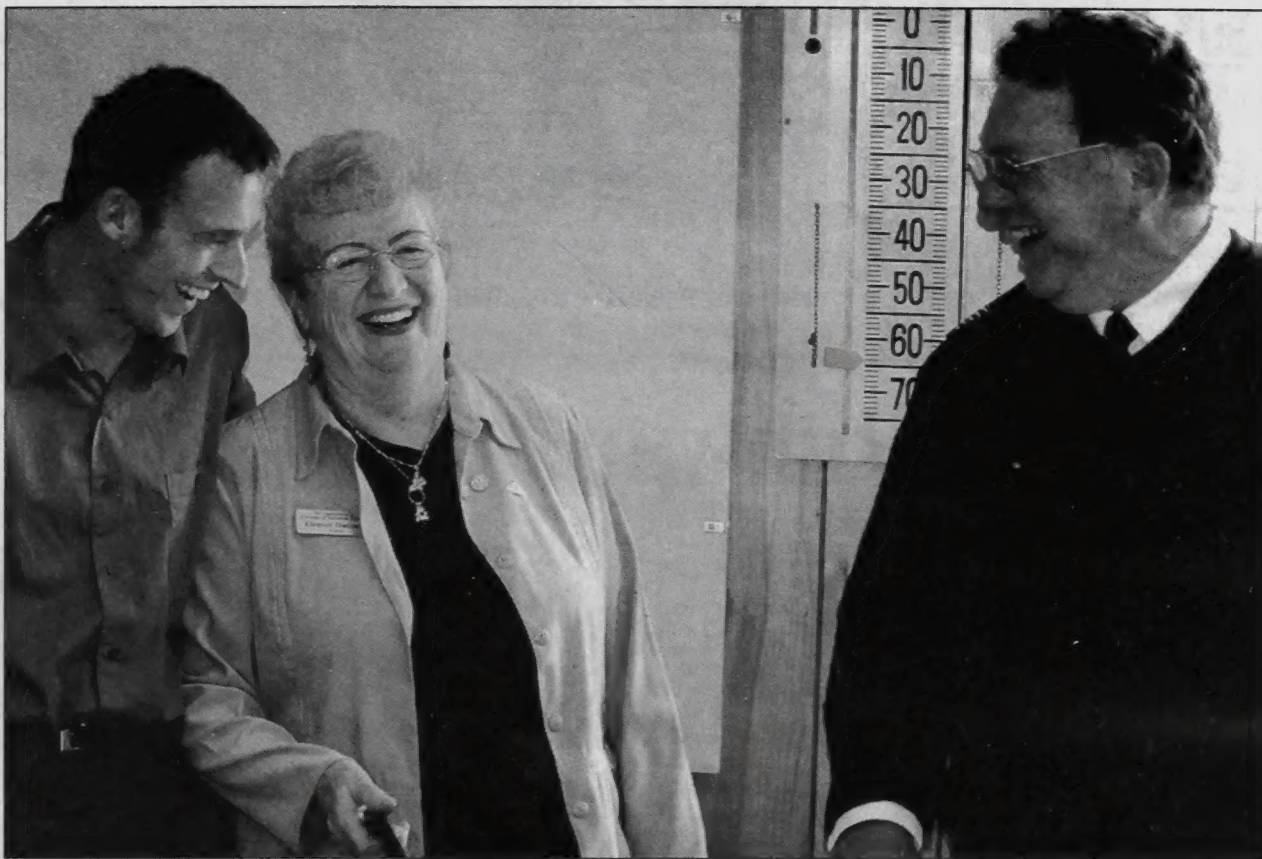
County hoping for 11 more defibrillators

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Each year in Ontario there are about 6,500 cardiac arrests, according to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. "The odds of survival for an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest are approximately five per cent. With each passing minute, the probability of survival declines by seven to 10 per cent," said the organization's press release.

Tyler Moon, from the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Haliburton region, called the accomplishment "exciting" and noted that Kennedy has already applied for further funding to get 11 more PADs for the county.

As of Thursday, PADs are operational at: the Minden courthouse; Stanhope Firefighters' Hall; West Guilford Community Centre; Club 35; Lloyd Watson Centre; Monmouth Curling Club; Cardiff Legion; Gooderham Community Centre; Lochlin Community Centre; Cardiff Community Centre; S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena; Minden Community Centre; Wilberforce Legion Branch 624; Harcourt Community Centre; Minden Curling Club; Dorset Community Centre; Haliburton Legion Branch 129; Haliburton Curling Club; Minden Legion Branch 636; Dysart Arena; Dysart Community Centre; Highlands East Arena; and Fort Irwin Residents' Association.



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From left, Tyler Moon from the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Warden Eleanor Harrison and Pat Kennedy, director of EMS, celebrate 23 defibrillators up and running across the county at Stanhope Fire Hall on Thursday.

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subsidize the inevitable annual losses. If this scheme goes ahead, is it not inevitable that the annual losses will be borne by all county taxpayers and not just those of Algonquin Highlands?" he asked.

Since Palmer's delegation wasn't in response to any existing county motion, councillors could do little with his

information.

In an interview after the meeting, county warden and reeve of Algonquin Highlands, Eleanor Harrison said that there was little new information in Palmer's presentation and she was unable to verify if his facts were right, since her municipality doesn't know the facts yet.

"I didn't see anything new in there that they hadn't brought forward before," Harrison said.

"I'm not certain they should have come to county council when they did" since there was no existing motion about funding the expansion, she said.

Harrison said that Algonquin Highlands hasn't completed a plan for the runway since the municipality has just acquired the land and has yet to do all of the studies needed to know if it is feasible.

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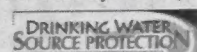


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A familiar face returns to Minden

Former *Minden Times* reporter Sheryl Loucks named founding program co-ordinator of R.D. Lawrence Place

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Ron Lawrence loved words. He loved the way they invited him into foreign worlds and the comfort they provided when his own world was small and isolated. He loved that his way with words gave him the financial freedom to be his own man. But most of all he loved to wield words to convince people that they had to care more about – and do more to protect – our environment.

Because he recorded his words in more than 30 books, Lawrence's legacy has survived his death in 2003. His warnings about the impact of pollution are as prescient today as they were when he wrote them in 1969. We respond with the same combination of fascination and respect when we read about all the animals that shared his life, learning as much about wildlife as we do about our connections with nature. And we continue to admire him as a man every time we read his autobiography, *The Green Trees Beyond*.

Sheryl Loucks also loves words. As a journalist and budding novelist, she loves to use them to inform and entertain. As an actress she delights in speaking them in a voice not her own. And as a person who is always juggling responsibilities and commitments, she relies on the words of others to provide her with the occasional escape.

Today, she cannot believe how lucky she is to be the founding program co-ordinator of R.D. Lawrence Place at the Minden Cultural Centre.

"Here are all these passions I've had and they're all under one roof," she says, her eyes scanning the unadorned walls of the building that honours Ron Lawrence, the writer, as well as furthers his goals of teaching people to appreciate and protect the natural world around them. In the coming weeks it is her job to fill these walls with mementoes of Lawrence's life and educational displays about the way the building itself reflects his belief that we should tread lightly on this beautiful world of ours.

Built out of straw and mud by Fleming College students, the sustainable building generates all of its own power and deals with all of its own waste. Sitting next to one of the historic buildings that make up the County Town Museum, Loucks says the centre has the potential to make history in Canada. Where else in this country can you find any place like it?

"Any person who comes here," Loucks says, "can do three tours. You can learn about Ron's life and his passions. You can find out how sustainable buildings are built.



Martha Perkins/TIMES

Sheryl Loucks can't believe how lucky she is to be the founding program co-ordinator of R.D. Lawrence Place at the Minden Cultural Centre. Many will remember Loucks as a former *Minden Times* reporter.

The third is the environment: Ron did so much work around biology and animal conservation. [His widow] Sharon has already put together a touch-and-feel centre for children with bones, skulls, rocks and minerals.

"It's exciting. It will be fun. We will be planning programs year-round and I certainly have ideas of how to get seniors involved in this place, and programs for kids. It's not just for tourists."

She pauses and takes another look at her new domain. "I am thrilled by the potential that is in this place."

When Loucks saw the ad for the program co-ordinator's job, she was already pondering her future. Her past had included earning a Bachelor of Journalism with a double major in history, which eventually led her to becoming a respected reporter

at the *Haliburton County Echo*. Then she took on the responsibility of being the main editorial presence of the *Minden Times*, covering every facet of the community's life and relishing in the constant deadlines. She left to become the editor of *Bancroft This Week*, leading the paper to earn its first award as one of the best newspapers in Ontario. Her career took a new course when she became volunteer co-ordinator of Bancroft's Community Care office, responsible for the 124 volunteers who helped see to the needs of more than 600 clients.

Her move to Bancroft also rekindled her love of theatre. Not only did she take part in a frenzied competition to write and produce a play in 24 hours, but she also basked in applause for several roles she brought to the stage.

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Centre's grand opening planned for Earth Day

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Last December she was rehearsing for a production of a play with two other women in the play. All three of them were going through a time of personal transition; for Loucks it was that her contract with Community Living was about to come to an end and she had to make a decision about her future.

The two other women were teachers and they'd just got back from a workshop where they were asked, "What would you do if you weren't afraid?" They carried on the conversation at the rehearsal.

Loucks knew that our fears tell us more about ourselves than our likes or dislikes. Would you tell someone that you love them if you weren't afraid of their response? Would you leave your job if you weren't afraid of the financial consequences? She was amazed to hear what these two talented, smart and competent women were afraid of, just as they were amazed to learn that she had fears.

When Loucks saw the ad for the R.D. Lawrence Place job, she was afraid she wouldn't get it because she'd never been a museum curator before. But then she was reassured by the job title. Program coordinator? She'd done that before.

Then she was afraid of the "idea of starting something that's not only new but is not like anything else in Canada." She asked herself, "If I wasn't afraid of not being able to make this fly, and of all the unknowns, would I apply?"

The answer was yes. She decided to stare down her fears. She focused on why the job was a perfect fit: she has a passion for writing and has always had a keen interest in the environment. She loved the idea of a building being dedicated to a writer. To think that the building itself encapsulated all

of the writer's beliefs about the environment made it even more thrilling.

The timing couldn't be worse, however. There was only a day left to apply and she was in the midst of organizing a Christmas open house for hundreds of people. She sent her application from her work computer just before the deadline of Friday at noon and then immersed herself in all of her other responsibilities.

Since she didn't have e-mail at home at the time, it wasn't until Monday morning that she realized the e-mail had bounced back. Part of her said she should simply be resigned to the fact she wasn't meant to get the job but then the part that really wanted it kicked in. She phoned the cultural centre but it was closed on Monday. A quick web search brought her to the site dedicated to Ron Lawrence, www.crywild.com, and she sent an e-mail to its anonymous creator. Lawrence's son-in-law responded a short while later, giving Loucks the contact information for Sharon Lawrence who, in turn, got Loucks in contact with Diane Graham, the cultural centre's director. Diane agreed to let Loucks re-submit her application since it had originally been sent before the deadline and the e-mail address had been changed. An interview was set up and the hiring committee was subsequently impressed by Loucks' aptitude, passion and skills.

Still, it wasn't an easy decision. The program director's job is only part-time; could Loucks make it work financially?

"This is not the kind of job you take because of the paycheque," she says. "I really had to think about how passionate I am about what this centre is trying to accomplish."

Weighing in the job's favour was the opportunity to return to

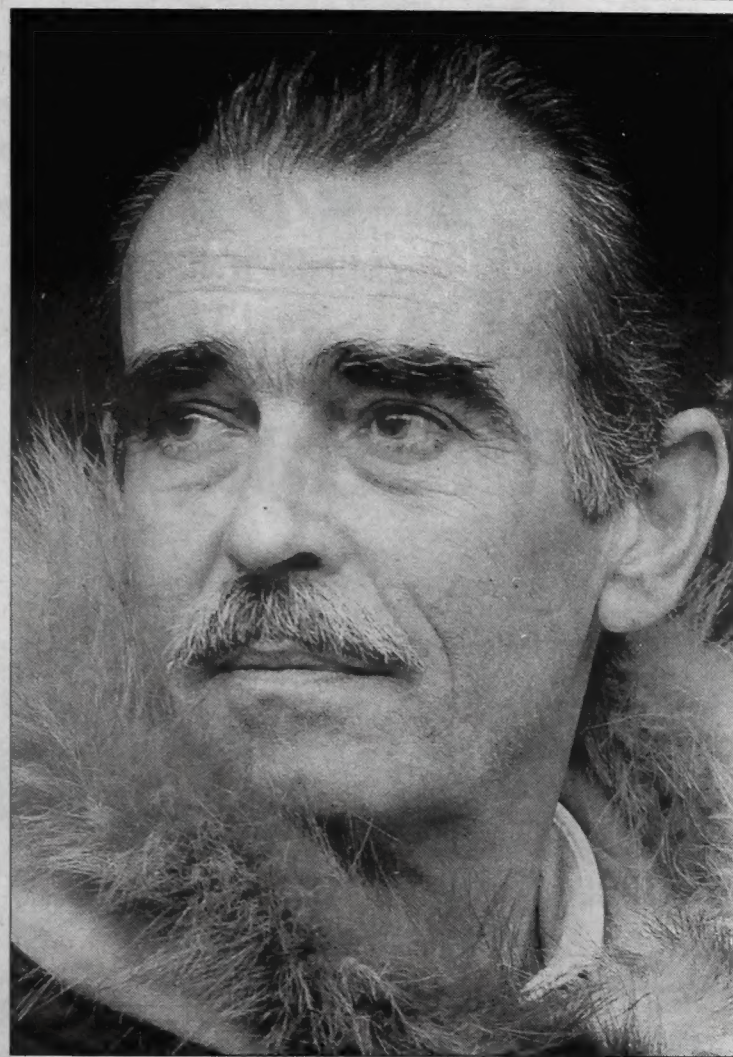
the Haliburton Highlands. "It really and truly is my second home."

Ultimately, she decided to take a risk and confront her fears, knowing she'd find other ways to fill out her weekly income. It was too perfect a fit to pass up.

Loucks is still amazed that such a place even exists. "The idea of a municipality being willing to fund a centre with a mandate to encourage reading, writing and the environment, that they're willing to invest in this level of culture, is incredible."

"The committee of volunteers, that has been called the Friends of R.D. Lawrence Place, has been the force behind getting the centre to where it is at now. It has been a pleasure getting to know them and I am completely awed by the range of talents, skills and experience they bring to the table. Their generosity and hard work is invaluable and we cannot get this new addition to the Cultural Centre open without them. I am so grateful to each of them for how much they are teaching me about how to do this job. There are new trends on how to calculate the value of volunteer time in dollars and cents. But the reality is whatever formula you choose, what you get is just a series of digits that in no way conveys how unique the contributions are that they make. The team of people that are continuing to work on getting R.D. Lawrence Place running are as outstanding as the collection we are trying to display."

R.D. Lawrence Place is a building within a building. The outer building is made of straw; inside is a log cabin to represent where Lawrence lived when he spent months, often by himself, immersed in learning about the



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"It's impossible not to be interested in Ron Lawrence," says Loucks. "He made such a life journey."

natural world around him. Artistic touches abound and are a never-ending delight to discover. Loucks is thrilled at the thought of being able to take children on a treasure hunt inside the building – can they find the outline of snake embedded in the floor like some ancient fossil? – while adults do research in the library or learn how a house can process its own grey water. Her tour will even include the washroom where students have done a colourful mosaic around the sink, making it seem like a tree in full autumn splendour. (She has a bit more to learn about the side-by-side composting toilets before she can explain why there is no wall separating them.)

And the more she learns about Ron Lawrence, the more she sees him as a figure of national importance. "He's a very romantic figure, a no-nonsense writer. He was

just so incredibly courageous, bold and gutsy. He took a lot of risks and yet he did everything in a very scientific way. He liked to study things. He had this logical thinking but developed such a passion for animals and the wild. Some of the passages in his book are so beautiful but this was not a soft, mushy person.

"It's impossible not to be interested in Ron Lawrence. He made such a life journey. He experienced hardship at a level most of us can't comprehend and yet he had room in his soul to be so sensitive."

R.D. Lawrence Place opens to the public on Earth Day, April 22. To contact Sheryl Loucks you can e-mail her at rdlawrence-place@mindenhills.ca or phone her at the centre's temporary number, 457-7690.



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Hydro One herbicide okay council says

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the February 21 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

Council discussed the pros and cons of pesticide bylaws after receiving a letter from Ted Koehler, who was concerned about the herbicides and pesticides used by Hydro One on properties in the municipality to control foliage near hydro lines.

"In view of the delicate nature of our environment and chemical sensitivities of a number of residents, I suggest that council should follow the lead of a number of other jurisdictions and pass bylaws banning the use of pesticides/herbicides for cosmetic purposes," Koehler's letter to council read.

Council did not take issue with Hydro One's practices, since the company allows residents to request that the herbicide Garlon 4 not be used on their properties.

Chief administrative officer Lorne Mitchell says council is already looking into a pesticide bylaw for the municipality.

Community centre rodent infested

Oxtongue Community Centre has been overrun by rodents and an order has been issued against it by the health department. The main problem leading to the infestation is disuse, councillors said. There was concern that if the community centre is not used more, rodent problems will persist.

Umbrella group needed for social justice advocates

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

A co-ordinated group with a unified message may be necessary to improve the health of Haliburton County's population, a group of community advocates decided at a working breakfast organized by U-links on Tuesday.

Gathered in Minden's Village Chalet over eggs and bacon, representatives from a lengthy list of community organizations fleshed out the challenges the county has to creating and maintaining a citizenry of active, healthy, involved, happy people.

"There's a sense decision makers are not aware of these issues."

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"There's a sense that the decision makers are not aware of these issues," Carolynn Coburn of Environment Haliburton said at the meeting.

Coburn said that things in the county may get worse in years to come as a generation of seniors with a strong sense of volunteerism are unable to continue providing free services to the community.

Many felt that in order to bring all of the concerns of the county together, an umbrella organization needs to be formed of the various organizations, stakeholders, activists and community members committed to bringing

these issues into the public eye and political agenda.

"We need to all come together," said Rosie Kadwell from the Health Unit.

"The politicians aren't listening, but we're not speaking loud enough," she said.

Attendees of the breakfast came from such diverse organizations as Community Care, the Health Unit, U-links, the YWCA, Trent University, Environment Haliburton and SIRCH.

Next community forum to focus on social determinants of health

The Minden Community Forum has held six very successful forums focused on different topics of importance to our community. If you missed those forums, be sure not to miss our seventh forum on Wednesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Minden United Church: the Social Elements of a Strong Community.

At our forum we will be hearing about the social elements of a strong community from Michael Fay, who has done considerable research and work on this topic. Following his presentation, Fay will chair a panel discussion on housing, food and employment, which are three of the conditions that must be addressed, and we will hear about work being done in these areas and how we might help. You will have the opportunity to express your views during the open forum portion of the meeting.

Presentations will be made by Michael Fay, Fay Martin from Places for People, Rosie Kadwell, a public health dietician, and Sharyn Bray, employment advisor at Fleming College. Heather Reid will be moderator at this forum. Baby-sitting is provided.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Message received loud and clear

MINDEN LOVES ITS ARENA. That message came loud and clear after last week's editorial criticizing the state of repair the well-used building was in during Winterfest.

Not only did we get letters, but calls, too.

People are upset that the editorial was too quick to judge some of the ill-timed difficulties at the winter celebrations – the scoreboard malfunction, the pane of glass falling off the boards and the drippy ceiling during the pancake breakfast.

Minden's arena, the *Times* was told, is actually in very good shape compared to other arenas in small-town Ontario.

Not only that, but the municipality has a contractor who will be repairing the ceiling of the community centre in March and, according to a letter from Rick Cox (see page 8), the draft budget for this year has an investment to repair the ceiling of the arena.

The consensus seems to be that the editorial was too hard on the staff of the arena and should have taken a more celebratory approach to Minden's Winterfest.

These criticisms are well taken. It is not fair to blame arena staff for a few unfortunate events. It is also not fair to make it seem that the building was crumbling around the festivities. Or that councillors are neglecting their people and allowing the arena to fall apart.

But to ignore the most memorable moments of Winterfest – which, to be blunt, was very poorly attended – would have been dishonest.

When the ceiling threatens to drip on your breakfast, it makes you question why it is dripping at all.

Yes, council scheduled a contractor to fix the roof in November and the work was unfortunately delayed. That's not the issue. The issue is why it wasn't done in November 2006 instead. That puts responsibility on council. Not a specific, intentionally negligent councillor, but a decision-making process that has allowed things to get this bad.

And when the scoreboard broke and then the glass on the boards popped out, the crowd did fuss and groan and suggest going to Bancroft. It was embarrassing. To ignore that would also be dishonest.

What the editorial should have stressed was that none of this was the fault of the staff. Despite the problems, fixes were found quickly and all of the staff was extremely professional throughout.

What needs to be created – and perhaps is already in the works at the municipal level – is a plan to keep the community centre and arena in such good shape that there is no excuse for not attending an event or booking the arena. Much like our parks and museums and libraries, the arena and community centre are focal points of our community and should be treated as such.

That is what last week's editorial was supposed to be about.

- Jenn Watt

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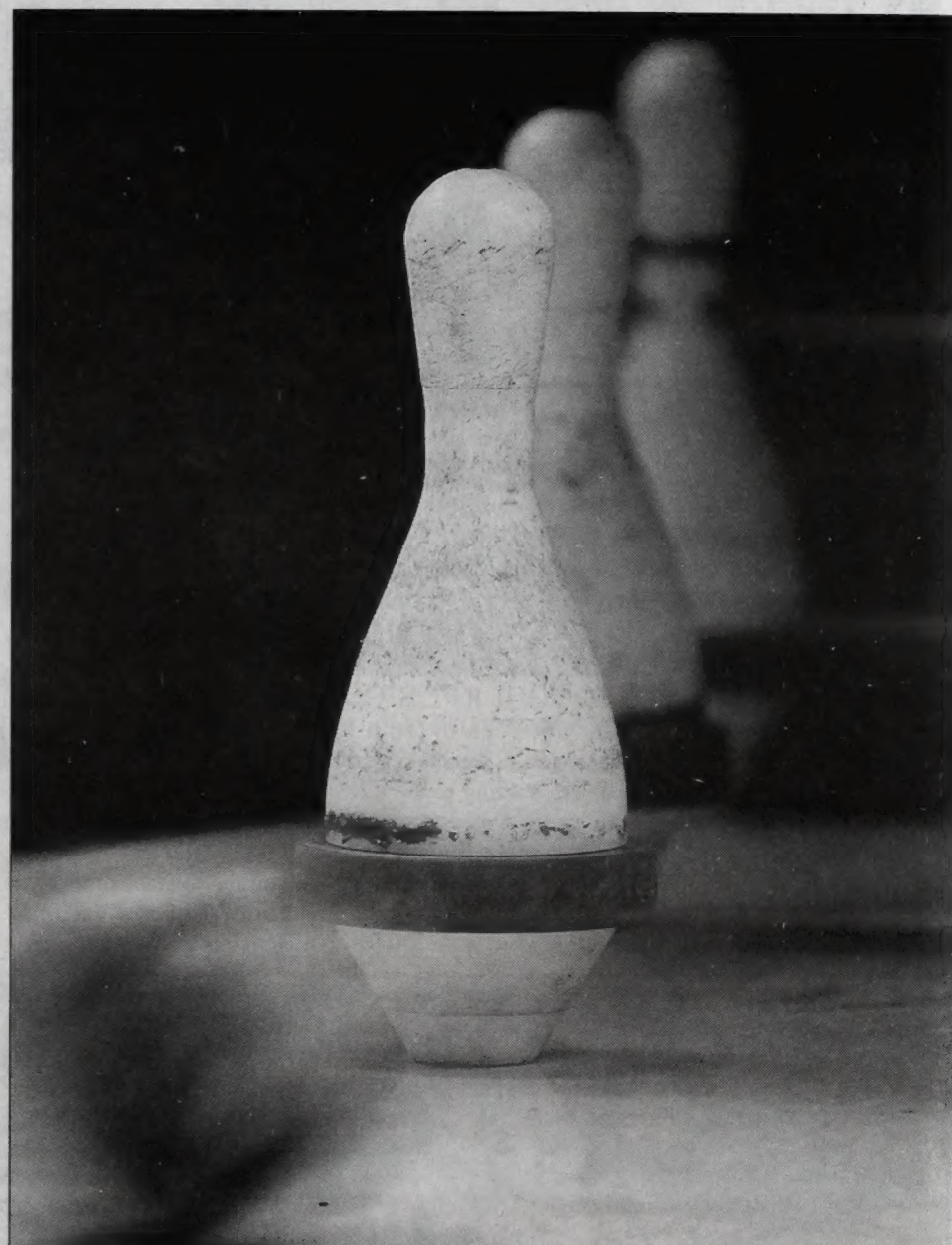
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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Feeling of being alone shortlived

To the Editor:

Since I am a volunteer firefighter for Stanhope I am trained to deal with other people's tragedies but when I was personally a victim it was hard. The feeling of helplessness and despair hit hard. The feeling of being alone in this was soon eased by my community who took charge and organized a fundraiser for me.

There is no way I can list all the names of the businesses, the individuals who made the food and the volunteers who put together my benefit dance.

I had the misfortune to lose my business in a fire a few weeks ago, a shock that will stay with me. Dealing with a tragedy such as this has been difficult. It was an awkward thing for me to be the beneficiary of

a dance. We all have pride and being self-employed also makes you somewhat independent. This need arose in my life to receive help from friends and family but it wasn't easy.

When I walked into the Carnarvon Bowl on the night of the benefit dance I was amazed at the turn out. I didn't realize I had so many friends!

Nothing will take away the loss I felt that awful night but there is a profound feeling of belonging that I have for my community. I'm not alone.

Thanks to all of you for giving me the hope of rebuilding my business in the spring.

Sincerely,
Ian Coltman
Stanhope

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Infidelities

AN OLD FRIEND CALLED me the other day and we had an awkward chat – the first one in several years. It was difficult at first, especially since he was finally coming to terms with forgiving me for a brief but unseemly encounter I had with his wife. Not that I deserved forgiveness.

I still feel bad about it. I'm not normally the kind of guy who does this sort of thing but she caught me in a moment of weakness and I gave into raw, unbridled temptation. Even now, I know that I shouldn't have done what I did – after all she was my friend's wife. But I just couldn't help it. And as shameful as it was, it just happened – we were young and foolish.

Between you and me, I guess it was the heat of the moment. My friend's wife was easy to talk to. At the time, I rationalized it by thinking that we could keep it to ourselves so no one would ever get hurt. Sadly, for all of us, he walked in at precisely the wrong moment. And that

changed all of our lives.

During this recent most phone call, we spoke honestly about the whole thing. He insisted, in fact. His therapist said it was part of the healing process.

"I thought I could trust you around her," he said sadly.

"I'm sorry," I said. "She and I got to talking and one thing led to another. I never meant for it to get that far."

He really didn't want to hear any more but I needed to get it off my chest. After all what kind of man would tell another man's wife that her husband didn't really need any more hunting rifles?

"Why?" he

moaned. "Why?"

Who knows why

we give in to these dark demons? One minute we were chatting about kids and the next minute, I just blurted it out.

"You know, he's got enough hunting rifles," I remember saying.

It was the first time I had ever really pleased a woman.

"One more time," she urged, with fire in her eyes.

"All right," I said, this time with more than a hint of bravado, "your husband doesn't need any more hunting rifles."

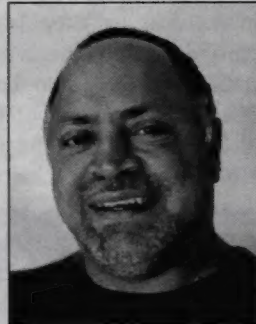
And that's when Chris walked in.

Oh, you think this kind of thing is harmless enough. Then you see the look on your friend's face – a look of pure hurt and betrayal. Right then and there, I knew I had broken or bent several commandments.

"She hasn't let me buy a rifle since that day," he

noted sadly.

"I'm... soooooo sorryrrrry," I answered, searching for the right words. "You didn't



OUTSIDE CHANCE

Steve Galea

Who needs a Porsche, anyhow?

"ISUPPOSE THOSE FANCY backyard rinks that are all the rage in Etobicoke will hopscotch up the Mackenzie Valley until they get to Tuktoyaktuk and then they'll stop."

Young Robicheaux is sitting at his table by the door at the tearoom of the Sapsucker Arms, reading *The Globe and Mail* and building up a pretty fair head of indignation.

"Tukto-what?" says Old Delahanty, who is waiting for Mrs. Faraday at their table in front of the tearoom's new bay window. "That's easy for you to say."

Fixx, who is taking a week off from arranging favours at Queen's Park, has a bay window of his own. He takes it with him wherever he goes. "What in the world are you talking about?"

"It kind of feeds on itself," says Robicheaux. "Global warming has made the season too short for old-fashioned natural ice, so bond traders and lawyers are putting artificial ice in their back yards."

"Top of the line is a million dollars, complete with bleachers. One guy put one in his backyard instead of buying a Porsche. It's the latest macho status signal."

"What in the world has that got to do

with Tukto-what?" asks the waitress Gretchen, as she sets down a platter of gooseberry scones and a glass of quince cordial at Delahanty's table.

The Brown Dog Jiggs, who has been warming himself beside the tearoom's bricked-up fireplace, trots over to investigate the scones though, truth be told, he's getting tired of gooseberry.

Robicheaux has it all worked out. "Burning fossil fuels shortens the season for natural rinks and then the solution, artificial ice, spews out more carbon and the climate moves a little further north."

"I get it," says

Fixx. "So Canada has a Natural Ice Rink Line that keeps moving north as the climate heats up. It leapfrogs from Toronto to Sundridge to Iroquois Falls and goes skipping across the tundra until eventually it gets to Tuktoyaktuk."

"Ever hear of Tag Alder Gardens?" says Delahanty. "I guess it's done for. I

remember when the only line we had to worry about was the Kraut Line."

"And the lines men use in bars," says Gretchen, who is back with a bowl of

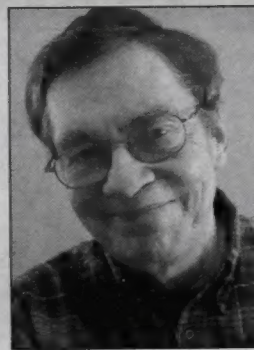
turnip soup for Fixx. "I think we might have natural ice for a little bit longer. How many people up here have a million dollars to spend on a backyard rink?"

"That's a permanent installation, with a concrete pad and boards," says Robicheaux. "You can get a kit for around \$75,000 that will make ice for you."

"I see you are reading about that the old-fashioned way, in a newspaper," says Delahanty. "You

don't have to build a million-dollar rink to spew carbon. Get your news from the Internet. That'll do it."

"Computers are real carbon pigs," says Gretchen. "And people leave them running all of the time, even when they're not using them."



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

deserve that."

We ended the phone call with a promise to spend some time fly-fishing in the spring. I went back to my office to compose myself before dinner. I never have an easy time eating when I'm racked with guilt – it puts me off my second helping of dessert.

When I walked back in the kitchen, my wife was just getting off the phone. By the speed with which she hung up, I knew something was wrong.

"Who was that?" I asked suspiciously.

"Chris," she said defiantly.

"Oh no," I muttered.

"He says you don't need any more fly rods."

I'll probably call him back in a few years. But right now... well, the hurt's just a little too deep.

*I can be reached at
TheOutdoorLife@aol.com
Drop a note if the mood strikes.*

"I'm not talking about home computers," says Delahanty. "I'm talking about servers in data centres. In the United States, data centres use more energy than all of the home television sets put together."

"They say Google has a million servers. It's putting up a new plant in the state of Washington that will use as much power as a city the size of Kitchener. A third of that power, they use for cooling."

"Maybe they set the servers out the backyard rinks to cool when the bond traders get tired of them," says Gretchen.

"The internet is just the ticket," says Fixx. "It lets Greens sit at their keyboards and mewl in three-part harmony about the terrible things we (not they) are doing to the environment."

"Or write a newspaper column about the crime of turning trees into newsprint," says Gretchen.

"I read where data centres will double their power consumption by 2011," says Robicheaux. "I think I'll go out and buy some uranium stock. Maybe dig a hole in my back yard."

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Minden's community centre ranks amongst the top

To the Editor:

After last week's editorial in *The Times*, I feel the need to come to the defence of our beloved community centre. Being a hockey mom for many years and travelling to most arenas between southern and central Ontario, I can tell you that our arena stands out among the top. The staff keep the arena very clean and are always friendly.

As for the ceiling "falling in," this is

not true. The roof started to leak on Sunday evening just before the chili competition got underway, and arena staff promptly removed a few of the ceiling tiles, placed buckets to catch the water, and put tables around the buckets to save anyone from injury. It certainly wasn't as dramatic as Jenn Watt stated. As for the glass coming down and the scoreboard not working, our son played in a tournament all day Saturday and Sunday leading up to the Muskies game and there

was never an incident. I've seen glass break in arenas before, for no apparent reason, and having an electronic scoreboard stop working isn't exactly miraculous either. It probably didn't help that the young man operating the board accidentally broke one of the switches off.

Above all, I find it sad that Ms. Watt focused on a few incidents that occurred over the weekend instead of praising the township and arena staff and volunteers for their hard work in trying to make

Winterfest a fun weekend for children and their families. It's about time someone took the initiative to bring back our old winter carnival. For years it was huge success, and it's nice to see the township trying to create activities for residents.

Congratulations on a job well done, and shame on you Ms. Watt for not seeing the brighter side of Winterfest.

**Marilyn Bagshaw
Minden**

Community Centre problems put in context

To the Editor:

In response to last week's editorial, I would add the following context:

1. The time clock was broken by the timekeeper during the game. A temporary timer was used for approximately two minutes of game time until arena staff were able to jury-rig a repair.

2. The boards functioned exactly the way they are supposed to in order to maintain player and spectator safety. A heavy impact by large junior A hockey players earlier in the period flexed the boards and the glass popped out of its channel. When it was noticed, officials stopped the game until it could be repaired. If the boards had not flexed, the glass would have shattered.

3. No ceiling panels fell during the pancake breakfast.

They fell overnight Sunday and additional portions were taken down safely by arena staff prior to the beginning of the breakfast.

4. Municipal council authorized a complete replacement of the roof membrane on the Community Centre last fall. The contractor planned to do the work around Christmas time but weather delays have intervened. Currently, the work is anticipated to take place the first week of March, weather permitting.

5. The current draft budget under consideration includes a further investment to repair the e-ceiling over the rink surface. Our community centre and arena is maintained by professional and capable staff who take their responsibility very seriously. Many components of the facility are reaching the end of their projected lifespan. However, they are still in reasonable condition for their age because of

the maintenance program and reinvestments by the municipality.

Under the circumstances, your editorial was unfair to both arena staff and municipal councillors. Thank you for this opportunity to put the additional information on record.

Those who braved the elements to participate in the Winterfest Minden activities and the other events at the arena on the Family Day long weekend enjoyed themselves. I look forward to seeing more people at next year's Winterfest.

Best regards,

Rick Cox

Director of Community Services
Township of Minden Hills

Why no public support for the victim?

To the Editor:

When some of us heard that a woman was sexually assaulted in town, we were sorry to hear that something like this had happened to a member of our community. We hoped that a thorough police investigation would be conducted. It was. We hoped that if this investigation yielded evidence that a criminal act had taken place, a charge would be laid. It was. We then hoped that justice would take its proper course and that in the end if the evidence warranted a conviction, it would stand and the offender would be punished as the law saw fit. John Clayton was convicted of sexually assaulting a woman. By a judge, in court.

The recent editorial spoke of the support shown to John. The town collected money for him, they threw a fundraising dance for him and yes they tied yellow ribbons everywhere around town. The ribbons said "Support John Clayton." Some spineless coward even drove nine miles out of town and tied a ribbon on the victim's mailbox. Her husband's business machinery was repeatedly damaged and her children were sworn at.

How do you think this made the victim and her family feel? I'll tell you: it humiliated, isolated and devastated this family.

If a person wished to show their support to someone charged with hurting another member of the community, perhaps they could bake a cake and privately meet with the offender and voice all of the support they could muster.

Instead the town has publicly supported one member of the community at the expense of another, and it sickened some of us.

The editorial says this is a horrible situation. Yes it is. Caused by John Clayton and fuelled by a town and people like you who have no regard for a victim, and unwavering support for a convicted sexual offender.

Shame on Dorset.

Craig Pulfrey
Toronto and Dorset

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ALGONQUIN PARK FOREST 2010-2020 Forest Management Plan

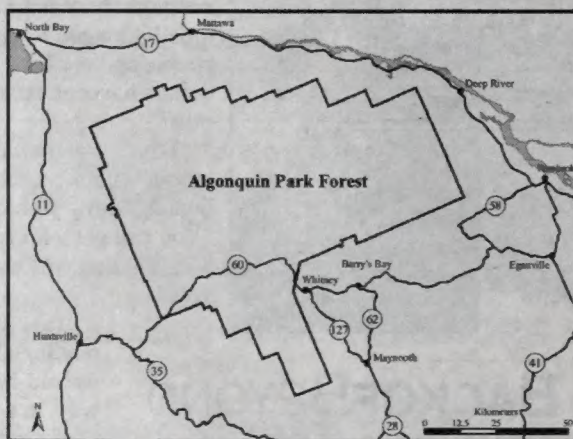
Ontario Parks (MNR), Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) and the Algonquin Park Local Citizen's Committee invite you to participate in the development of the 2010-2020 forest management plan for the Algonquin Park Forest (see map). The purpose of this notice is to announce that work has started on the new plan and to encourage you to get involved at this early stage of planning. This forest management plan will outline the long-term management strategy and provide details of where harvest, planting and tending operations and access road construction will take place for the first five-year term 2010-2015. The plan will also identify, in a more general manner, the proposed areas of operations for the second five-year term 2015-2020.

At this stage of the planning process, we want you to tell us what kind of forest and benefits the plan should strive to provide in the short and long-term. As well, we want you to know that background information that will be used during the preparation of the plan will be available for review by the public throughout the planning process. Any additions that you can provide to the background information will be appreciated. Your comments and information will help us to make balanced, well-informed and fair decisions as we proceed through the planning process.

Summary maps showing information such as fish and wildlife habitat features (e.g. trout lakes, heronries), Park zoning, Park facilities as well as many other features on the Algonquin Park Forest are available on request. These maps, known as "values maps", will be useful for anyone with a general or specific interest in this management unit.

The plan will be prepared by the following planning team members:

Gordon Cumming, R.P.F., Plan Author/Co-Chair, AFA
Joe Yaraskavitch, R.P.F., Park Forester/Co-Chair, Ontario Parks
Elizabeth Francis, Project Manager/Resource Technician, Ontario Parks
Keith Fletcher, R.P.F., Area Forester, AFA
Lacey Rose, R.P.F., FMP Project Forester, Ontario Parks
Jim Murphy, Operations Leader, Ontario Parks
Brad Steinberg, Park Biologist, Ontario Parks
Beth Cragg, Park Planner, Ontario Parks
Tom Ballantine, Local Citizen's Committee
Chief Richard Zohr, Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation
Chief Clifford Bastien Jr., Mattawa/North Bay Algonquins
Robert Craftchick, R.P.F., Whitney Algonquins
Dave Joannis, Antoine First Nation
Emmett Godin, Algonquins of Greater Golden Lake
Steve Sarazin, R.P.F., Algonquins of Pikwakanagan
Chief Randy Malcolm, Snimikobi (Ardoch) Algonquin First Nation
Irvin Yateman, Algonquin Nation Kijicho-Manito



The planning team members, the Park Superintendent and the local citizens committee are available during the planning process to meet and discuss your interests and any issues or concerns that you may have. A formal issue resolution process, as described in the *Forest Management Planning Manual (2004)*, is available on written request. A summary of all comments collected throughout the planning process will be made available to the public in a summary form during the planning process and for the duration of the approved ten year plan.

In addition to this invitation to participate, there are four other formal opportunities for you to be involved, tentatively scheduled as follows:

Public Review of the Long Term Management Direction
Public Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations
Public Information Centre: Review of the Draft Forest Management Plan
Public Inspection of MNR-Approved Forest Management Plan

Sept. 15, 2008
January 15, 2009
July 15, 2009
December, 2009

Comments are collected and documented as part of the public consultation process for forest management planning as required under the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987)* or FIPPA, personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources as public input for other resource management initiatives. For further information regarding FIPPA, please contact Kevin Hein at 613-637-2780, ext. 201.

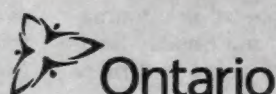
The information described in this notice, as well as general information regarding the forest management planning process, will be available at AFA office in Huntsville and at Ontario Parks offices in Pembroke and Whitney, at the locations shown below, during normal office hours. As well, an appointment with Algonquin Park's Superintendent or with a planning team member during non-business hours may be made by calling 613-732-5415. For further information, please contact any of the following individuals during normal office hours:

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E-mail: Joe.yaraskavitch@ontario.ca
Tel.: 613-732-5550

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Tel.: 705-789-9647, ext. 30

Tom Ballantine, LCC
Haliburton, ON
Tel.: 705-447-3253

Renseignements en français : Justin Peter, 613-687-2828



Community gave victim a 'life sentence'

To the Editor:

Re: Editorial, February 13, 2008

Not everyone is upset by "this week's coverage of the sentencing of Dorset postmaster John Clayton." There are several people that are quite happy with it in fact. Everyone, including the victim and her family, is saddened that any of it happened at all. What once was a community that we were all proud of and where everyone was greeted with a friendly smile became a community that pointed fingers and scowled at the victim and her family, and all due to the indiscretions of a long-time friend, relative, and resident of the community. We have felt the "eyes upon us" stares instead of the usual friendly greeting we have become accustomed to from a few of the local residents, and we have nothing to do with the incident or the charges that were laid. If the community can make me feel uncomfortable while I am in the village, I can't imagine what it would be like for the victim's family.

I understand that Dorset is well known for its compassion for others, but where is the compassion for the

victim? Where was her benefit dance? Why was the "yellow ribbon" attached to her mailbox without her consent? When did Dorset become a community that rewards the guilty and punishes the victim? It's not Mr. John Clayton that has to wear a "scarlet letter" in the community of Dorset; instead, it is the victim and her family.

Martha Perkins stated in her "editorial comment" that "This is such a horrible, horrible situation," and "there are no winners or losers." I will agree with her that it is indeed a horrible situation. One that should never have happened, but it did. Does the community of Dorset feel that this matter would have been better served if everyone just ignored that it happened? Would the victim and her family be welcomed to the community with a smile and friendly greeting as they always were before? In regards to there being no "winners or losers," I couldn't disagree with Martha Perkins more. John Clayton received a 30-day jail sentence and one year of probation. His victim and her family have received a life sentence from the community of Dorset.

I know not all of the residents of Dorset share the

opinions of a large portion of the community or that of Martha Perkins. I too live within close proximity to the village of Dorset and sometimes shop, eat, play and work there, and I refuse to stand for what is wrong.

In closing, I would like to ask Martha Perkins of the *Times*, did you even consider talking to the victim and her family to find out how all of this has affected their lives before writing your article? Do you have a female that is close to you that has gone through the same thing as Mr. John Clayton's victim?

Dorset should never change?

Chris Shelly
Dorset

Have something to say?
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NOTICE

**PUBLIC MEETING - FEBRUARY 28TH 2008 AT 9:00 A.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
7 MILNE STREET, MINDEN**
**RE: PROPOSED 2008 FEES AND CHARGES AND A PROPOSED
CONSOLIDATED TARIFF OF FEES BY-LAW**

Pursuant to Section 391 of the Municipal Act, and according to the Township's Procedural By-law, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills is considering amendments to its various Fees and Charges By-laws. Council also intends to consolidate all fees and charges for programs and services for all departments into one comprehensive Fees & Charges By-law. Council is encouraging input from the public regarding the proposed fees and charges.

The Consolidated By-law outlines proposed 2008 Fees and Charges for the following Township Departments:

- Building Department
- Fire Services
- Cultural Centre Programs and Facilities
- Parks & Recreation Programs & Facilities
- Environment & Property Operations: Water, Sewer and Landfill rates
- Administration
- Roads Department
- Cemetery

A copy of the proposed Comprehensive Fees & Charges By-law is available on the Township's website, www.mindenhills.ca or available from the Clerk's Department (705) 286-1260 ext. 214.

Join the Cultural Centre Team!

We'd love to welcome you as a volunteer and have a variety of ways you can participate. From time to time, we need friendly faces at reception for just 1 1/2 hours midday. We're always grateful for helping hands at special events, mailings or even with summer gardening. Call Deb at 286-2808 for an application or more details about the opportunities at Minden Hills Museum, RD Lawrence Place or Agnes Jamieson Gallery. *Thank you!*

PLEASE NOTE: CLEAR BAGS ARE NOW MANDATORY AT ALL MINDEN HILLS LANDFILLS

The Township of Minden Hills has been working very hard to encourage residents to divert recyclables in order to increase the life of our landfills. It is an enormous savings to you, the taxpayer, to lengthen the life of our sites, rather than go through the process of applying to the MOE to open a new site. We have now received final approval from the Ministry of the Environment to allow all residents of Minden Hills access to all of the Minden Hills landfill sites (current landfill cards accepted). Dates and times will remain the same at the respective landfill sites. Clear Bags are now mandatory at all Minden Hills Landfill sites with one free bag per week per household.

Photo Contest Winners:

People's Choice - Tie between - Doug & Donna King (Thoughts on a rainy day in Haliburton) and Lyn Winans (Snowbird)
Winter Activity - Rick Purcell (Pond Hockey)
Winter Scene - Lyn Winans (Windswept)
Winter Portrait - Kristin Withey (A boy and his dog)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

**IN THE EVENT OF A TOWNSHIP RELATED EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS,
PLEASE CALL: 1-866-856-3247.
FOR ALL OTHER EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1**

MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Feb 28 9:00 a.m. Public Meeting for Fees & Charges for Township services, programs & facilities, Council Chambers
- Feb 28 Council to follow the Public Meeting
- Mar 13 9:00 a.m. Public Meeting - Rezoning (Hill)
- Mar 13 Committee of the Whole - to follow Public Meeting
- Mar 10-14 Agnes Jamieson Gallery MARCH BREAK ART WORKSHOP - call 286-3763
- March 15 Youth Saturday Art Clubs - call Agnes Jamieson Gallery 286-3763
- March 27 Council, Council Chambers
- March 31 Sesquicentennial Logo submission deadline

CALL TO CREATIVE INDIVIDUALS

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for creative individuals interested in submitting a logo design to the Sesquicentennial Committee. Help us celebrate our 150th anniversary with a year to remember. Designs may contain a maximum of 3 colours and white. Additional criteria will be available shortly on our website or by contacting Rick Cox, at the Township Office. All Designs must be submitted by 12:00 noon Monday, March 31st, 2008 in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Sesquicentennial Logo" addressed to the Township Office, c/o Rick Cox, Director of Community Services.

CANADIAN FOLK ART

Saturday, March 8th - 1 p.m.

Canadian Folk Art Exhibition. Susan Murray has been collecting for more than 25 years and has brought together prime examples of contemporary and historical pieces. Hear her speak about her passion for folk art and her journey in creating this nationally acclaimed collection. Agnes Jamieson Gallery, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden 286-3763



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- March 12th - Sponsored by Modern Electric
- March 13th - Sponsored by Minden Rotary Club
- March 14th - Sponsored by Township of Minden Hills
- March 16th - Sponsored by Township of Minden Hills
- last public skating of the season
- Tuesdays 10:30-12 noon Parents & Tots

Thanks to everyone who helped with Winterfest Minden!

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SCHOOL BUS REMINDER

Drivers will need to be extra attentive for both stopped school buses and loading and unloading students. Passing a stopped school bus can result in a fine of over \$400.00 and the loss of six demerit points. Drivers may need to give themselves more time to get to their destination at the beginning and end of their day.

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Township of Minden Hills

Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario. K0M 2K0

Attention: Mr. Kevin Hill, CRS-S Road Superintendent.

Envelopes should be clearly marked "Seasonal Labourer"

and submitted no later than 12:00 noon on

Friday, March 7, 2008.

We thank all applicants who apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

"SCHOOL OF ROCK" COMES TO MINDEN HILLS DURING MARCH BREAK

Registration for the unique two-day March Break program where youth will learn how electric guitars work while assembling their very own to keep. Eldon Yourkin from Lindsay's Straight Edge Music will lead the program, with volunteer helpers.

The program takes place on March 10 & 11 from 9am to 3pm at the Minden Community Centre, and is open to budding rock stars ages 13-15. The cost is \$200, which includes the guitar as well as lunch both days. Discounted pricing for amplifiers and other accessories are also available to participants.

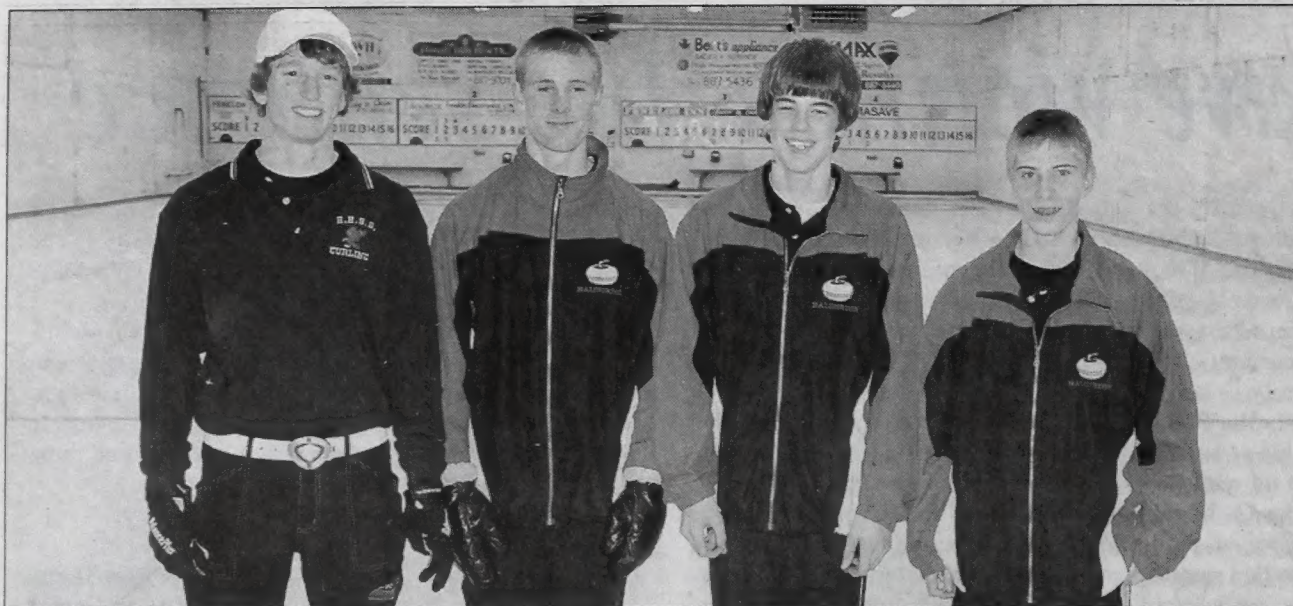
No experience with guitars, screwdrivers or soldering irons is necessary but having an older sibling or adult available to help, especially on the Tuesday is recommended. Space is limited and a minimum number of registrations is required.

To register, contact Rick Cox at 286-1260 ext. 220.

MINDEN HILLS RATEPAYERS

with recent heavy snowfalls, kindly keep mailboxes visible to assist snowplow operators when they are doing snow removal.

A Fact of Interest for Minden Hills (Village of Minden)
Sesquicentennial
"The first settler in Minden was
Mr. Francis Kent in 1858."



From left to right is skip Jake Walker, vice Connor Duhaime, second Curtis Nichol, and lead Owen Duhaime at the Kawartha Southwest tournament in Fenelon Falls on February 12. The boys finished in first place.

Curling crew solid as rock and hopeful for COSSA

by MATT JAMES
Times staff

On February 12 and 19 the Red Hawks boys' curling team travelled to Fenelon Falls Curling Club for a five-team round robin where they advanced as one of four teams to the Kawartha Championship.

The team went undefeated in four games, their first victory came against the host club Fenelon Falls Secondary School as Haliburton stole every end to win 17-0 after six ends. Their second match was against St. Thomas who fell 10-1 after six ends.

In game three the boys faced a tougher I.E. Weldon team but were victorious in a close match 4-2 and in the fourth game the Red Hawks won convincingly against LCVI 9-2.

So far in the eight team double knockout Kawartha finals, the boys defeated Holy Cross of Peterborough 7-2 and Thomas A. Stewart by a score of 5-4 in a very close game that was tied until the very end.

The boys travel to Peterborough today for the A final and depending on the outcome, which coach Tom Dibblee is hopeful, the boys should make the trip to COSSA, which Haliburton will host at the Haliburton Curling Club on March 3.



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Owen and Jake have a laugh as they bite their first place ribbons after the Kawartha Southwest tournament.

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Kadwell and Walker COSSA champions

Harley Foulds earns silver medal while six other Red Hawks are good enough to bring home a bronze medal at COSSA championship

by PAUL KLOSE
Special to the Times

Harley Foulds went undefeated throughout the day to reach the finals. He lost the championship match to earn COSSA silver. Karl Kadwell and Christianna Walker won all of their matches to earn the title of COSSA champions. Both Kadwell and Walker defeated wrestlers who had previously beaten them at the Kawartha Championships held a week earlier. Foulds, Kadwell, and Walker advance to the OFSAA which will be held in Caledonia February 27-29.

Once again, the Red Hawk wrestling team showed that hard work and dedication are rewarded with success. On Wednesday, February 20, the team travelled to Lindsay to compete at the 2008 COSSA Wrestling Championships.

The event hosted over 160 athletes representing 20 schools from across the region.

Coaches Dan Fockler and Paul Klose are

extremely impressed with the results this year. Throughout the season, the wrestling team showed depth and competitive drive, which culminated at the COSSA Championships.

Eleven HHSS wrestlers placed in the top four of their weight classes.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment," said Fockler. "We're so proud of the entire team. They put it together when it counted."

With the impressive individual results, both the men's team and the women's team placed fifth among COSSA schools and were within three points of ranking third.

Cody Griffin was the Red Hawks outstanding wrestler at the tournament. He competed at his best in the most challenging weight class of the competition. He narrowly lost a preliminary match against the eventual finalist in the division. Griffin ended the tournament winning the consolation final to take home third place, just missing a berth to the OFSAA Championships.

COSSA Individual Results:

Gold Medalists: Karl Kadwell,
Christianna Walker

Silver Medalist: Harley Foulds

Bronze Medalists: Jamie Purnell,
Mikaela Charlebois, Adrianna Ellis, Cody
Griffin, Colin Ellis and Mitch Rea

Fourth Place: Tara O'Sullivan, Jon Pawson



Colin Ellis looks up to the referee to verify his pin on his way to a bronze medal.



Tara O'Sullivan, left, grapples with the eventual champion in her weight class.

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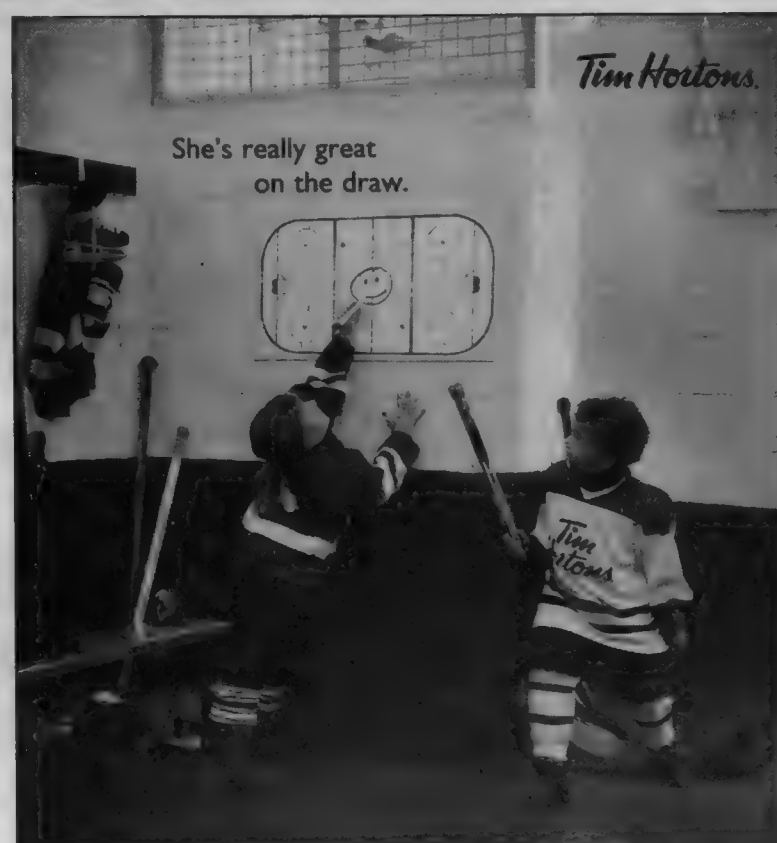
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Red Hawks lose 1-0 heartbreaker to Lions

by MATT JAMES
Times staff

It took only one innocent looking giveaway in the first period for the Adam Scott Lions to defeat the Red Hawks 1-0 at the Dysart arena on February 25.

After the Red Hawks comeback win against the Lakefield Tigers at home February 21, coach Gary Brohman wasn't surprised that his team came back to win.

"I think our team really responds," he said. "They don't think they're out when they're down. A lot of our wins have come in the third [period]. But I hope it's not a pattern."

Hundreds of fans gathered to cheer on the red birds in the semifinal match against the Lions, a game that promised to be very entertaining. And right from the puck drop coaches Ron Yake and Gary Brohman were positive, encouraging their players to strive.

"Let's get to the puck first boys, every time," pushed Yake.

"Lot's of fun boys, lot's of fun," called Brohman.

The Red Hawks had a chance to do some damage early as the Lions were penalized just over a minute into the game.

On the power play the boys set up and a pass came to Red Hawks defenseman Steve Miscio, who's seen much success this year shooting from the point. After receiving a quick pass Miscio fired a perfect slapshot on net, about a foot off the ice, but at the last possible second the Lions' net minder slid across the crease, somehow making the save.

Miscio's hands raised and fell in disbelief. The disbelief would continue a minute and six seconds later while still on the power play, as the Red Hawks defense tried to exchange passes and an Adam Scott player intercepted a pass from Drew Paul just above his own blue line and raced up ice, beat Red Hawks goaltender Ian Sachs on the short side and giving the Lions an early 1-0 lead.

But the boys continued to create chances, battling for the puck just like they'd done all year. Sachs continued to keep pucks out of the net, giving the boys a chance to come back. But the first period ended with the Red Hawks down 1-0.

There would be no change by the end of the second, a period that was very fast paced but also saw a lot of loose,



Matt James/TIMES

Josh Townsend steps over the stick of a Lions player desperately trying to score during a February 25 game.

bouncing pucks. While the Red Hawks continued to create chances, they were unable to get off any solid opportunities, as Adam Scott did their best to protect the lead.

The Red Hawks began the third period with confidence that they could come back, and about four minutes into the third they created their best opportunity to score.

As Tyler Watson came streaking down the middle, Matt Eno came down the right wing and sent a puck on net, which Watson deflected but was unable to properly finish. Even the crowd thought it was going in as they went through the motions of a near goal.

Haliburton's defense continued to keep Haliburton in the game as Matt Clements stepped in front of the open net with Sachs out of position and saved what would have surely been the end for the Red Hawks.

The Red Hawks were relentless; they played with heart and continued to create chances but were unable to get anything past the Lions goaltender. And with exactly two minutes left on the clock, Adam Scott took a penalty giving the Red Hawks a power play for the remainder of the game.

With 1:17 left Yake pulled Sachs to give the Red Hawks a two-man advantage to try and tie the game but the Lions defense was just too strong and the boys ran out of time.

After the game coach Brohman commented on the Lions defense. "They're big and they keep us to the outside," said Brohman. "They play the NHL style trap system, they've always got three guys back."

But the Red Hawks aren't down and out just yet. The team travels to Peterborough on March 5 for a 3 p.m. match against the Lions in a final attempt to move on to the finals.

Because of the way the point system works for the playoffs, the Red Hawks must win in Peterborough. If Haliburton wins in regulation, the two teams will then be tied for points in the standings. If that is the case, Haliburton and Peterborough will then face off in 10-minute overtime period, which will decide which of the two teams moves on. If the game is still tied after the overtime it will then be decided by a five-man shootout.

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Team ends season with a smile

by MATT JAMES
Times staff

The Red Hawks junior girls volleyball team was ranked fourth as they host the Kawartha Championships at the Nest on February 21.

Despite what the team's win-loss record looks like coaches Christie O'Neill and Brad Tait have been working very hard with the ladies this year, and the girls have improved by leaps and bounds since the beginning of the season.

"We were competitive in every game," said O'Neill. "And we haven't been this competitive in a while."

Because of their fourth place ranking in Kawarthas, the Red Hawks

faced the first place Clarke High School in round one and found themselves ahead late in the first game. But the girls lost a few consecutive points and with that their momentum and eventually lost the game by a close call 25-23. They were unable to recover and fell 25-18 in game two.

Coach O'Neill said the girls were still working on coming back after losing a few points, one of the biggest learning curves to overcome in volleyball.

In their second match the girls faced Adam Scott and while they battled for every point they dropped game one by a score of 25-17 and were "oh-so-close" in game two, losing 25-22.

Match number three was against the

Lakefield Tigers and again the ladies were unable to get off to a strong start, dropping the first match 25-7. They made a great attempt in game two, taking the match to extra points 27-25.

Despite not winning a game the team and their coaches were proud of their work and noted that it wasn't all about winning.

"I thought we played our hardest," said Katie Hillier post-tournament.

"We had a blast," said Victoria Chaulk.

"They knew the system and they executed it very well," said O'Neill. "I'm really proud of them, they've come a long way."



The team gets a pep talk from coach Christie O'Neill.



Erica MacMartin reaches for a bump in the match two.



Katrina Chvedukas and a teammate leap for a block.

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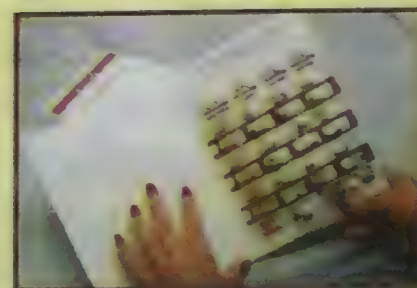


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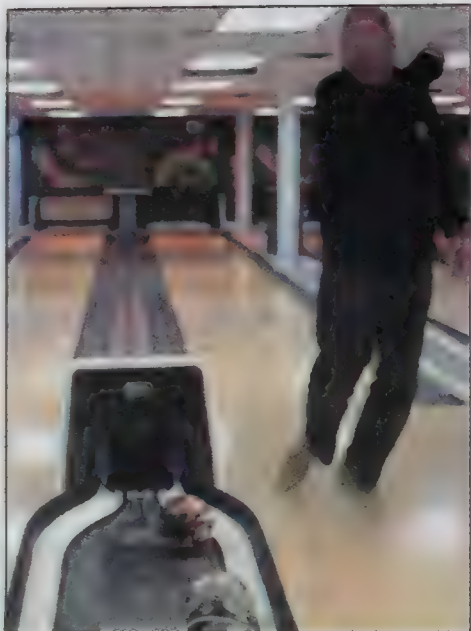
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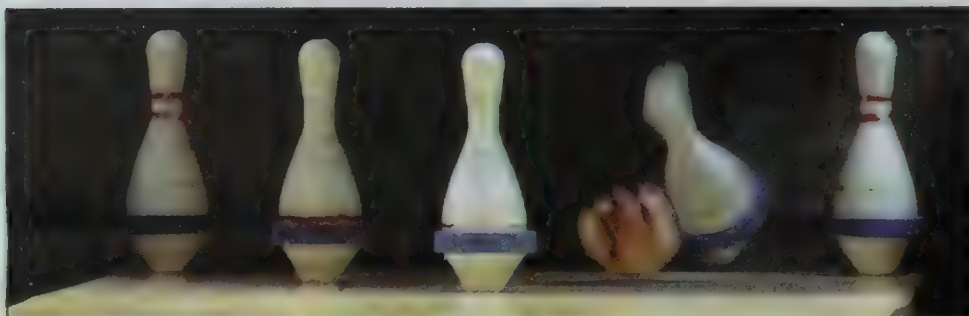
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Barry Tigert of the Canoe FM team can't hide his grin after bowling a strike at Saturday's Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser, at Minden Lanes. Between two teams Canoe FM raised \$555 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton, while CIBC raised \$352, the Haliburton Lion's Club raised \$993. Moose FM raised \$220, Pinestone raised \$280, the Shaw Team raised \$455, Coneybeare's raised \$357, and the "Raging Hormones" raised \$520.



Eight-year-old Taylor Walton takes aim at the pins and ends up with a spare.



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Mom Tracey Walton shares a laugh with her daughter Taylor.

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Jen Browning, left, congratulates Pinestone teammate Wanda Robinson with a high five.

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Crossed lines cause some confusion over fire fundraiser

There was some confusion at the *Minden Times* about who the February 16 fundraiser at the Carnarvon Bowl was for. Our little committee of volunteers never implied that it was for anyone but Ian Coltman when they approached people for donations. They made it clear that they were donating to Ian only. Rick Lowes from the Moose aired a conversation that we had regarding Ian's fundraiser on the Thursday prior to the event.

This is the kind of stuff that has the potential to cause an awkward situation and it is very unfortunate that this happened. If anyone has any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me. Meanwhile, editor Martha Perkins apologizes for any confusion that this inadvertent mistake may have caused.

On a happy note, there will be a benefit dance happening for the Redners on April 12, who lost their home to fire, and all the facts pertaining to this will be included right here in this column.

Last Saturday night I was helping Mark Christiano by collecting tickets at the door for the Ian Tamblyn concert at the Lounge Café. Ian has been there before and I didn't get to see him but I'm glad I did this time. (I also had one of their delicious cappuccinos. I don't think anyone makes them better!)

Ian is a storyteller, a great writer of songs and guitarist all wrapped into

one. One of my favourite people is Gordon Lightfoot's and Ian Tamblyn's songs reminded me of Gordie (we go back many years. No, I didn't meet him; I just feel that I should've. Doesn't having all his music count?)

I can see why all the tickets for Ian's concert were sold out. When I went I was expecting a so-so performance and was very pleasantly surprised.

Ian Tamblyn will be one of the many great Canadian talented performers to appear at

Riverfest on Canada Day weekend. This is just a tease, more information will follow. We have time.

Let's extend a warm welcome to newcomer Rosie Danielle Marie Lefleur. This little girl was born February 4 at 9:39 p.m. at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay weighing in at eight pounds, one ounce.

It was a happy day for parents Alain and Alisha. Also

one for their two-year-old Jocelyne who will definitely be a big help in taking care of her younger sister.

Congratulations and have fun with your new addition to your family!

If you have any announcements that you would like to include in this column please send them to pinereflexions@sympatico.ca or a fax can be arranged by calling me first at 489-1397.

Have a great week!



STANHOPE LIFE

Gina Atkinson

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The Stanhope community rallied behind Ian Coltman, who lost his workshop to fire last month.

Goldilocks not to meet the three bears

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Razzamataz Kids Shows is not able to present "Goldilocks and the Three Canadian Bears" on Sunday, March 2. Instead, they are delighted to bring to you Chris McKhool's "Earth, Seas and Air Concert."

Chris McKhool has been hailed as a "children's musical star" (National Post) and "Canada's greatest eco-troubadour for young people" (Mississauga Living Arts Centre). He has been delighting audiences with infectious songs and exotic world instruments for over 10 years, reaching almost one million children.

Chris's concert is part musical performance, part environmentalism and 100 per cent fun! This award-winning show is fully interactive, featuring songs from Chris's appearances on Mr. Dressup, YTV and the CBC. Chris gets kids singing, dancing and talking about taking care of the earth. For over a decade, Chris has taken his audience beyond the three Rs of ecology (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) to a new level of understanding of our global connection to forests, air, water and animals. Everyone leaves this engaging and educational show with the feeling that they can really make a difference.

The show will begin at 2 p.m. in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$6 for children (tickets are free for children under two years old). Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information, please contact Stacey Bennett at 286-4511 or visit our website at www.razzamataz.ca.



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An Enviro-Hero has made a major contribution to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living, "green" business or the arts in Haliburton County. An Enviro-Hero may be an individual, landowner, business, or organization. A distinguished panel will select the winners in each of six categories. The winners will receive an award specially designed by renowned artist, Mary Anne Barkhouse, a member of the Land Trust's board of directors.

Enviro-Hero Awards will be made in the following categories:

1. Health and the environment – a person or organization that has drawn attention to the natural environment as a special place for healthy activity.
2. Stewardship – a person, landowner or organization that has provided leadership in conserving and protecting our water, forests, flora, fauna or mineral resources.
3. Environmental education – a person or group who has effectively organized and delivered environmental education opportunities for children, youth, or adults.
4. "Green business" – a business or non-profit organization that has excelled in developing "green" business practices and/or providing "green" products/services that protect the environment.

5. The arts and the environment – an artist who has produced work celebrating our natural environment.

6. 2008 Enviro-hero of the year – an individual, landowner, business or organization that has contributed in a unique and important way in 2007 to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living, "green" business or the arts in Haliburton County.

Nomination forms must be submitted by April 11 and are available by contacting:

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Some people are 'accessory challenged'

Some people have a flair for fashion. Personally I am "accessory challenged," especially when it comes to scarves. One of my Christmas gifts from Bruce was a brown and black "ruana." No, this is not something on the endangered species list, but instead a large wraparound scarf worn over a coat.

Finally getting up the nerve to wear it I dropped into Kinmount Foodtown after church. At first moving easily down the aisle the shopping cart suddenly came to an abrupt halt. Looking back over my shoulder to my great embarrassment there was the long black wool fringe of my ruana firmly hooked onto a metal display unit unravelling as I hurried along. It brought back memories of my teaching continuing education classes at Centennial College in Scarborough. Deciding to dress more in keeping with my new responsibility a triangular scarf was added simply tied at back. Discussion period brought one student's question and a shared laugh. "Teacher, are you planning to rob a bank on the way home?"

The annual World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday, March 7 at 2 p.m. with Guyana as the featured country. Locally this celebration is held in Kinmount at a

different church each year and in 2008 will be at the historic Kinmount United Church located high on the Cluxton Street hill. The Service has been written by the women of Guyana and this is also a great opportunity to learn more about the featured country, its geography, cul-



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ture and people. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Be sure to drop by at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace, located on the lower level of the community centre, now open on extended weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Let us know if there are arts and handcraft learning opportunities which you would be interested in by leaving your name with the volunteer member on duty or call (705) 488-2938.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441, Kinmount will

welcome participants to its sixth annual Sandra Robertson Memorial Dart Tournament at the Branch on Sunday, March 9. This is a mixed open event with teams of two men and two women competing. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. with play starting at 10 a.m. For more information contact the Legion at (705) 488-3462.

Norland United Church will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 22 starting at 8 a.m. Adults are \$7, children 12 years and under are \$3 and preschoolers are free.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

February 19 euchre at Lochlin: Barb Carpenter reports that Rita Crofts and Don Hicks recorded the high scores while Emily and Harold Harvie took the evening's lows. Pearl Cowen won for lone hands and Gerald Hicks took home the special draw prize.

February 19 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: In top spot was the duo of Connie Sawyer and Maureen Ireland with 289 points then John Fortune and our reporter Pearl Cowen at 281. Third place went to Beth Titus and George Hamilton at 260 while June Fortune and Jean Dutka had the afternoon's low of 133.

February 19 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were two Slams by Joan Davies partnered first with Bruce Armstrong and then with Jack Cox. Joan led the high scores at 7010 followed by Margo Davidson 6140, Muriel McIntosh 5890 and Kelly Metcalf 4970. Willie Cox won the lucky draw, Ev Morgan the Shiny Penny while Joan Davies was crowned with the PIATT award as "Princess Joan Ascended The Throne."

February 19 bid euchre at Minden Legion: First for the ladies was Trudy Kroes at 298 then Marcy Morgan 240 and Verna McDonald 212. Leading the gents at 268 was Marcel Roussel with Ida Young 256 second and Kevin Maloney 250 third. Draw winners were Pat Roussel, Marcy Morgan, Elli Langpohl and Sharron Atkinson with moonshots going to Elli Langpohl, Don Burch, Bev Johnson, Jesse Barlow and Kevin Maloney.

February 20 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell system Stella McMillan and Ross Davies were first at 66 per cent with Reet Murray and Bill Sandford second at 57 per cent. Tied for third place at 55 per cent were Margo and Tom Davidson and Harold Cox partnered with Bruce Armstrong.

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Interested persons may access By-Law 08-2 by contacting the Municipal Clerk for further information or to make copies.

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Dorset Hounds take trophy



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
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The 18th Annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival on February 15 and 16 was once again a huge success. Just over 1,700 carnival buttons were sold, which is up about 120 from last year.

The weather was perfect, sunny and not too cold and everyone had a great time.

Congratulations to the Dorset Hounds who took the adult broomball trophy for the second year in a row. Three teams played and the Sugar Bush Leaguers claimed the honour of last place for the second year in a row. Congratulations to the new team on the block, The Dorset Phantoms (our friends from the Dorset Research Centre), who took second place.

Results of the snowshoe races are as follows. In the 8-11 age group, first place was Graham Johnson, second place was Shay Greenaway and third place was Danielle Dinsmore. In the age 12-18 group, first place was Ryan Kiely, second was Lindsay Dunn and third was Emily Thoms. In the 18 and up category, first place was Penny Kiely, second place was Jen Kitching and third was Dominic Monteleone.

Sixteen people participated in the hockey shoot out. Congratulations to Larry Dance for winning the adult category and to Peter Meehan for winning the kids category.

About 20 people participated in the adults versus kids shinny game and a great time was had by all.

A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers who come together to create such a successful event for the village of Dorset.

A wrap up celebration for all Snowball volunteers will be taking place on Wednesday, March 26 at the Recreation Centre at 6 p.m. If you helped at Snowball

and can attend, please call the Recreation Centre at 766-9968 by March 21.

The next meeting of the Dorset Book Club is Wednesday, March 5 and the topic of discussion is "Share a favourite children's book, toddler to kindergarten." Book Club meets at the Dorset Library at 1 p.m. and all are welcome. For more information, contact the library.

Dorset's Celebrations of the Women's World Day of Prayer will be a little different this year. World Day of Prayer will be held at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, March 8 with coffee and muffins from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m., prayer and hymn service from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and speaker Anne Dance from 10 to 10:30 a.m..

Anne Dance was born and raised in Ontario and began international volunteer work in 1994 when she went with Canadian Crossroads International to a clinic in Sierra Leone, Africa, run by the Christian Children's Fund.

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In 1997, Anne was pointed toward another clinic in Japan run by the Asian Rural Institute and continues to volunteer there.

The cost is \$2 per person. Donations to the Women's World Day of Prayer would be welcome. Come and bring your friends. Men are also welcome.

Birthday wishes for the week of February 24 to March 1 go out to Mason Lonsdale, Sarah Jane Johnson, James Radley, Ted Morris, Aubrey Keown and Happy Anniversary to Gail and Ted Hope. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, e-mail me at melalfano@hotmail.com or call me at (705) 766-0076.

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February 20 bid euchre at Stanhope: Six moonshots landed on Dorene Elstone, Jack Cox, Dick Coffey, Leroy Mowat, Clara Miscio and Tom Macartney. Muriel Harrington led the pinks at 266 with Jean Dutka 258 second and Sharron Atkinson tied for third with Sandy at 229. First for the whites at 282 was Dick Coffey then George Bull 280 and Kevin Maloney 270.

February 21 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Carol Derbyshire and Bob Pollard with Pat Roussel and Bev Johnson recording the high scores. Second high slots were filled by Maria Tschida and Tom Grix while Don Hicks, Gala Stamp, Bev Johnson (2) and Leroy Mowat took home the other prizes.

February 22 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Using the Howell method Muriel McIntosh and Ross Davies were first at 64 per cent, Kathie Porter partnered with Rob Eaton second at 61 per cent and Willie and Jack Cox third at 60 per cent.

February 22 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Doreen Francis reports that Maria Tschida won for high hands, Pat Bailey for lone hands, Barb Callaghan for low hands and Beth Titus for the draw.

February 22 bid euchre at Club 35: The single moonshot of the evening went to Norm Mark with Jean Dutka holding the hidden score. Leading the pinks at 282 was Colleen Davison followed by Betty Wagar 256 and Carol Keel 234 with Tom Marshall heading the whites at 284 then Leroy Mowat 277 and Cliff

Davison 244. Thanks to Mary Pearson for her update.

February 23 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshots rained down on Don Burch, Marcy Morgan, Margaret Fletcher, Pat Scadden (2), Verna McDonald, Theresa Deak, Eileen Shepstone and Isobel Cherwenka. Elli Langpohl topped the pinks at 328 with Marcy Morgan next at 326 and Emily Harvie 260 third. First for the white cards was Pat Scadden 386 then Theresa Deak 378 and our reporter Gala Stamp 278.

February 25 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that Ron Morrison won for high hands, Bev Johnson for lone hands, Barbara Butterfield for low hands and Joan Riel for the special prize.

February 25 cribbage at Minden Legion: The top trio in order were Gwen Cox, Verna McDonald and Edith Burch. The draw winners were Syd Adamson along with Edith and Don Burch. Thanks to Pat Scadden for this report.

February 25 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Mabel Deacon and Marion Stickwood with Ellen Holden and Syd Adamson taking the high scores for the afternoon. Pearl Cowen had low score while Ellen Holden and Lois Adamson won the draws. Thanks to Jeanne Keliele for this update.

February 25 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: First was Emily Harvie then Dorothy McElwain and Phyllis Windsor with a single moonshot going to Dana Briscoe and Robert McIvor taking two.

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- **Feb 28:** Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 1p.m.
- **Mar 3:** Tax Program - Minden Legion - Monday - from 10am to 12pm.
- **Mar 4:** Minden and District Horticultural Society - 1pm at the Minden Community Centre. General Meeting with speaker Linda Friend, Planning and Selecting plants for mid to late summer and beyond." Savory treats.
- **Mar 6:** Bus trip to the International Home and Garden Show and Success with Gardening. For information call Pam at 286-5136.
- **Mar 7:** World Day of Prayer - 7:30 p.m. - St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church. This year the ecumenical celebration highlights the women of Guyana. Everyone welcome. For further information contact June White at 457-3543.
- **Mar 10-14 - March Break Club -** West Guilford Baptist Church - 9:00am-11:30pm, ages 4-12. It's Free. To register call 754-0079
- **Mar 11:** Stanhope Soccer League Registration - 6:30 to 8:30pm. Ages 5-14. Stanhope Fire Fighter's Hall, North Shore Rd, Carnarvon.
- **Mar 11:** Free Public Skating - 11am-1pm, Sponsored by Subway Development
- **Mar 12:** Free Public Skating - 11am-1pm, Sponsor is Modern Electric
- **Mar 13:** Well Baby Drop-in Clinic, Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 am to noon. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Mar 15:** Youth Saturday Art Club - continues March 15, April 12, May 10 and June 14 from 9am to 2pm. Pre-registration required one week before each workshop by calling the gallery. A combination of art history and art creation this is an opportunity for youths to learn more about art and further develop their skills. \$30 per youth per workshop. Supplies included. Agnes Jamieson Gallery 286-3763
- **Mar 20:** Haliburton County Food Handler Course. Event is held to certify food handlers in safe food handling methods. Cost \$20/person. Held at Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton Village from 9 am to 3 pm. Call (705) 457-1391 for more details and to register.
- **Mar 26:** Minden Community Forum: The Social Elements of a strong Community - Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle Street, at 7:30pm. Babysitting provided. For more information contact Carolyn Cobourn at 754-9859.
- **Mar 26:** Emergency First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894
- **Mar 26 & 27:** Standard First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. Must attend both sessions. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894

ONGOING EVENTS

- The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. Call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- The Minden Women's Institute - Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month, now until June/08 at 1:30 p.m. Contact Pam 754-1656 or Mary 286-1158 for upcoming meeting location.
- TOPS - Take off pounds sensibly. Join us Mondays at Community Care. First meeting free. Weigh-in at 9:30-10 a.m. followed by short meeting. Call Don or Mary at 447-2420.
- Township of Algonquin Highlands - For adults & seniors in the community, Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.
- Township of Algonquin Highlands - Writers Circle every other Sat. at Club 35 at 9 a.m. The circle is open to writers of all capabilities, (experienced or emerging). Call: 489-3878.
- Security Check Phone Call - Community Care Haliburton County has volunteers to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a Security Check Phone Call. Call Judy at 457-2941.
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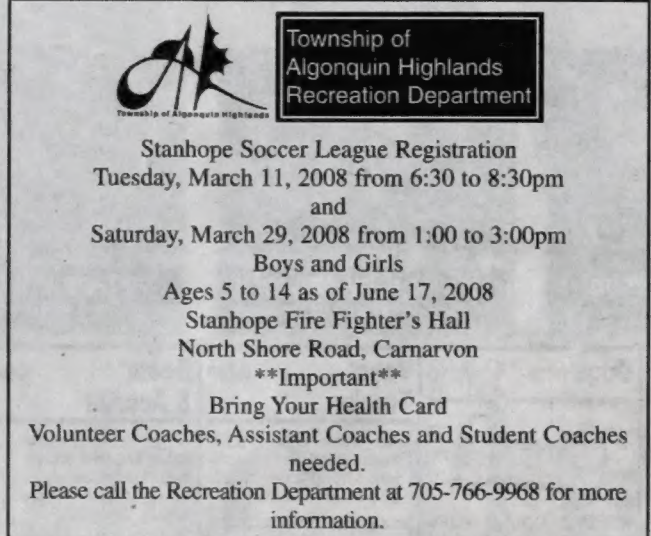
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Thank You Cards

Connie, Lorrie, Kelly and Darren Sawyer and Families would like to thank Everyone from the bottom of our hearts for flowers, cards, food, Prayers and for all the people who showed there respect and love for Ken. He would have been proud.

Thank you all

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Deaths

HANCOCK, Milton Laverne - April 18, 1920 - February 18, 2008. It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Milt on Monday, February 18, 2008 in his 88th year, after a lengthy illness at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay, with his wife and family by his side.

He will be greatly missed by his loving wife of 40 years, Verna Kellett Dennison Hancock of Norland, loving father of Marilyn Smith (Glen) of Lindsay, step-father to Ayleen Crawford of Cobocok, Lola Hamilton (Brad) of Lindsay, Pennay Hewitt (Moyer) of Angus, Les Dennison of Horseshoe Lake and Brampton, Bill Dennison (Patricia) of Lindsay, predeceased by step-daughter Betty Trumbull (Bernard) of Minden, granddaughter Joannie Trumbull, great granddaughter Breanna Barras and brother Milburn, Roy and Earl. Survived by his sister-in-law Bernice Hancock (Verdun-predeceased).

Lovingly remembered by fifteen grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Very special grandpa to Michael Dennison of Norland. Milt was only 22 when he bravely enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces and served from 1942-1944. The results of his severe wounds was a reason for his many health problems.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.** P.O. Box 427, Minden KOM 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Friday, February 22, 2008 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1:00 pm. Spring Interment at the Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Camarvon. Reception to follow in the family centre.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Kidney foundation or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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Deaths

TROCEWICZ, Henry - Peacefully, with beloved wife Barbara by his side, Henry passed away at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, in his 80th year.

Loving father of Wendy (Jim), Marty (Carolyn), Peter (Debbie) and Veronica (Geoff). Special grandfather to Natalie and Rachel.

Fondly remembered by his many brothers/sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

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Doro is predeceased by her husband Hugh Ashcroft Whittemore, her three brothers and two sisters. She is survived by her four children, three sons and daughter Sue, nine grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. She will be especially missed by her Canadian granddaughter, Misty (Richard) Beers and her great granddaughter Caitlyn Beers.

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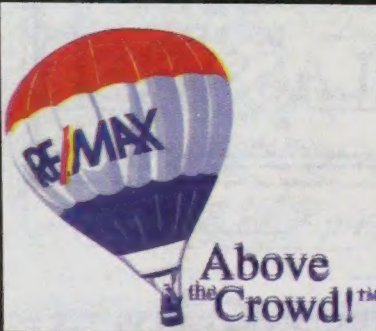


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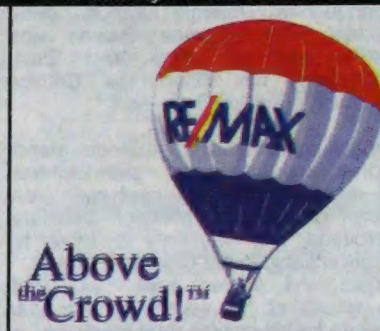
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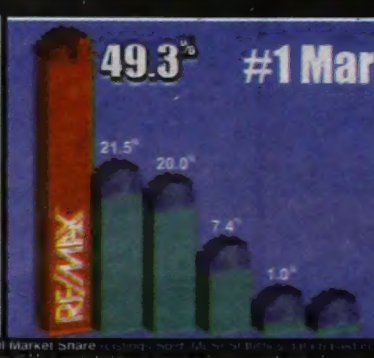
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